



Who makes a living here?

Northwest Vietnam (Dien Bien, Son La, Yen Bai)

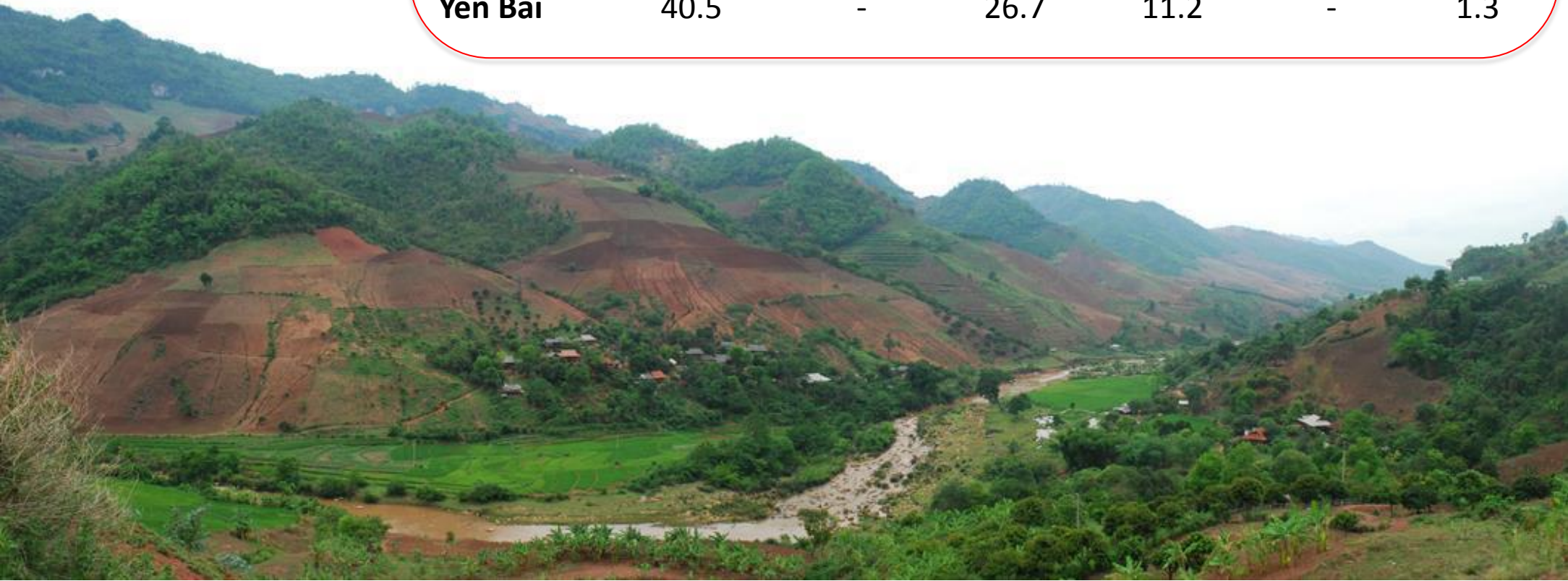
Continent: Asia
Country: Vietnam | Annual rainfall: 1400-2500mm

	Dien Bien	Son La	Yen Bai
Density (ha person ⁻¹):	1.9	1.3	0.9
Population (thousand):	512	1119	759
Ethnic groups:			
Kinh	31	22	55
Thai	37	54	6
H'Mong	29	12	8
Tay, Nung, Dao Giay, Kho Mu, Hoa, Xinh Mun and La Ha	3	12	31



Area of main crops by province in 2013 (thousand ha)

	Paddy rice (two crops)	Upland rice	Maize	Tea	Coffee	Rubber
Dien Bien	24.9	24.1	29.3	0.6	4.0	4.3
Son La	29.2	27.6	162.8	3.7	10.6	7.1
Yen Bai	40.5	-	26.7	11.2	-	1.3



The population redistribution policy was implemented in the Northwest region in 1960s by resettling the Kinh people from densely populated lowlands in the Red River Delta. The Policy was followed by a series of rural development policies. Many positive impacts have been observed, such as improvement in physical and social infrastructure, poverty reduction, economic growth, reforestation and forest allocation. At the same time, many negative impacts were observed, such as rapid population increase through immigration, forest losses, biodiversity loss, land degradation, environmental pollution, and changes in the land use system and livelihoods of ethnic minority groups.

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